upon the response from State|UT Governments and viability of the projects proposed apart from other considerations like size of the State|UT, population, backwardness, etc. In so far as Orissa is concerned, project proposals as and when received would be appraised by Small Industries Development Bank of India and considered by the Committee constituted under the Scheme.

Aid for developing prawn farming and fish ponds

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SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many schemes of Ocean development have been sanctioned for Tamil Nadu;

(b) what are the details of Government aid in developing "Prawn Farming", "Fish Ponds" etc. in Tamil Nadu;

(c) what is the type of assistance given under the Central schemes for fish and prawn farming;

(d) what are the norms followed for Government assistance; and

(e) whether Tamil Nadu Government applied for Central assistance for any kind of farming including Fish Ponds or Prawn Farms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The schemes operated by the Department of Ocean Development in Tamil Nadu are as under:

(1) Establishment of National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) at Indian Institute of Technology, Madras in December, 1993, to undertake technology related programmes in the frontier areas of Ocean development.

(2) Marine Satellite Information Service (MARSIS) for generation of data on geomorphology of coastal zone of Tamil Nadu and production of Potential Fishing Zone maps to help fishermen to locate areas of fish abundance.

(3) Programme if Coastal Ocean Monitoring and Prediction Systems (COMAPS) to monitor the levels of marine pollution at selected locations along the coast of Tamil Nadu.

(4) Establishment and operationalisation of two-way shore-to-fishing vessel communication system in Nagapattinam and Tuticorin.

(b) to (d) The Department of Agriculture & Co-operation provides grant in-aid to the State Governments, including Tamil Nadu, for development of fish and prawn farming under the Centrally Sponsore Schemes, viz. development of freshwater aquaculture and Integrated brackishwater fish farm development. The items for which the Central subsidy is available and quantum of such subsidies are given in the Statement I and II *(See* below).

The norms followed for providing assisance to the fish|prawn farmers are as under:

(i) The fish|prawn farmers should be registered with the respective Fish Farmers' Development Agencies (FFDAs) and Brackishwater Fish Farmers' Development Agencies (BFDAs).

(ii) *For freshwater fish and prawn farming*

— Subsidies available for construction of new ponds, renovation|reclamation of tanks and ponds and last year inputs up to a maximum land holding of 10 ha. per beneficiary, with or without institutional finance.

— Subsidy available to the Scheduled Tribe fish farmers is double the rates of the subsidy admissible to other categories of fish farmers for the above three items plus running water fish culture.

For brackishwater prawn farming

— To construction of semi-intensive prawn farms the subsidy is made available for beneficiaries having a maximum land holding of 10 ha.

— Subsidy is available to all categories of beneficiaries seven if the remaining cost of development and inputs is met from their own resources or through institutional finance.

The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Ministry of Commerce also provides assistance to the State Governments, Corporate Sectors and private entrepreneurs in the form of subsidy for prawn farming. The details are given in Statement II (*See* below)

(c) Yes, Sir. The Central assistance given to the Government of Tamil Nadu during 1993-94 for fish and prawn framing is as under:

(i) Freshwater fish and prawn culture—Rs. 13.00 lakhs

(ii) Brackishwater prawn farming—Rs. 29.11 lakhs

Rs. 5 lakhs has also been provided for establishment of Demonstration cum Training Centre for brackishwater prawn farming during 1993-94.

Statement-I

Fresh water Fish and Prawn Farming through fish farmers development agencies

Subsidy available to fish farmers Item	Maximum Subsidy available
1. Construction of new ponds	Rs. 20,000/ha.
2. Renovation/reclamation of tanks/ponds	Rs. 8,000/ha.
3. First yesar inputs such as organic/inorganic manures, fertilizers, seed and feed	Rs. 4,000/ha.
4. Running water fish culture (One unit-1500 sq. feet area with 3 feet depth)	Rs. 2,000/Unit
5. Aerators to fish farmers (for those who have achieved a production of 3000 kg/ha annum for increasing it further)	Rs. 10,000/aerator
6. Integrated farming of fish with piggery, poultry, duckery, etc.	Rs. 10,000/ha.
7. Establishement of freshwater prawn and fin fish hatchery of 5—70 million fry/annum capacity	Rs. 50,000/hatchery
8. Establish ment of feed mill	Rs. 1,00,000/Unit

— For items (1) to (3) subsidy is available up to a maximum land holding of 10 ha./beneficiary with or without institutional finance.

— Subsidy to Scheduled Tribe fish farmers is double the rates indicated against items(1) to (4).

Other financial incentives available to fish farmers.

Stipend for a 15 day training on fish farming. Rs.25 per day per trainee plus Rs. 40 as lumpsum payment for field trips/ study tours.

Statement-II

Prawn Farming through brackishwater prawn farmers' Development Agencies

SUBSIDY PRESENTLY AVAILABLE

Sl. No.	Item	Maximum subsidy available
1	Development/reclamation of brackish water area into prawn farms and first crop inputs, to small-scale sector	Rs. 30,000/ha.
2	Construction of semi-intensive prawn farms (for all categories of farmers, including public/private sector enterprises/entrepreneurs	Rs. 30,000/ha. upto a maximum land holding of 10ha/ beneficiary
3	Establi shment of small prawn hatcheries of 2—5 million seed/annum.	Rs. 1.00,000/- per hatchery.

OTHER INCENTIVES AVAILABLE TO SMALL-SCALE PRAWN FARMERS

Stipend for training of prawn farmers (2 months duration)	Rs. 25 per day per trainee plus Rs. 140 per trainee, i.e. lumpsum payment for field trips.

Statement-III

Details of subsidy given by the marine products export development authority, Ministry of Commerce, for Prawn Farming

Name of the Scheme	Objectives	Extent of Assistance
1. Subsidy for New Farm Development	To bring new areas under scientific prawn farming	25% capital investment or Rs. 30,000/- per ha., whichever is less. Maximum limit for an individual/unit under the scheme is up to Rs. 1.5 lakhs to develop 10 ha. of new area.
2. Subsidy for establishement of Prawn Hatchery	To encourage prawn seed production.	(1) 50% of the capital investment to State Government subject to a maximum of Rs. 5.00 lakhs. (2) 25% of the capital investment to the Corporate Sector subject to a maximum of Rs. 2.5 lakhs. (3) 15% of the capital investment to private entrepreneurs subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.5 lakhs.
3. Subsidy for prawn feed and seed	To encourage prawn production through traditional farms	25% of cost of prawn feed and seed subject to a maximum of Rs. 3,000/- and Rs. 450/- respectively per hectare. Maximum area is limited to 50 ha. per unit beneficiary.
4. Subsidy for establishment of broodstock	To encourage establishment of spawner banks.	25% of capital cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.5 lakhs per unit.